

**REMARKS**

Included herein is a request for a two-month extension of time along with the appropriate fee.

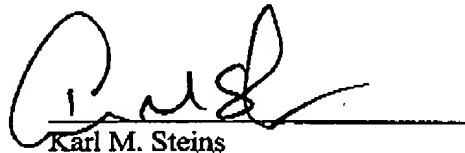
In the Office Action mailed 12/24/2003, Claim 21 was objected to, but was indicated as being allowable if redrafted such that it is not dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, Applicant has made such amendment and has canceled the rejected claims.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be reconsidered, the claims be allowed, and the case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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